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To the Rt Rev
Wm R. Whittingham D. D.

My dear Sir

It having come to my knowledge that disagreeable and malicious gossip, in regard to the conduct and customs in Cuba of my esteemed and respected friend the Rev Edward Kenney had been indulged in to an extent calculated to injure him, I feel it my duty as one living in Havana and unavoidably observant of his daily life and conversation there, to pronounce

all such talk as that
of his abuse of hospitality
&c &c mischievous fabricating
and to testify not only
to his excellent deportment
but his constant zeal
in the cause of Christianity
under the most discouraging
circumstances - With
great respect
I am most truly yours
David M. Burgess M.D.
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